

2019 Kansas Book Festival Youth Writing Contest

Managed by the Kansas Masonic Literacy Center at Emporia State University

Contest opens February 4th and entries will be accepted through April 30. Entries postmarked on or before April 30 will also be accepted. Winners will be notified by July 31 and recognized at the 2019 Kansas Book Festival on September 14, 2019.

Theme: To the Stars

Kansas has a long and rich history. Describe an event from our state's past. Then explain what Kansans of today can learn from this event, and how the event can help our state to move forward.

Writing contest open to Kansas students in grades 3-12.

Winners selected in each of the four Congressional Districts at each level (3-5, 6-8, and 9-12).

Criteria for essays:

3rd-5th grade essays should be no more than 750 words and must be original work.

6th-8th grade essays should be no more than 1,000 words and must be original work.

9th-12th grade essays should be no more than 1,500 words and must be original work.

All essays must be word processed in Microsoft WORD or pdf format, double-spaced and submitted either electronically to aparkma1@emporia.edu OR mailed (with a postmark no later than April 30, 2019) to Kansas Masonic Literacy Center, Attention: Writing Contest, Emporia State University, Campus Box 4036, 1 Kellogg Circle, Emporia, KS 66801. All entries must be submitted with a **registration form**.

A strong essay will:

- Identify a specific historical event in Kansas.
- Clearly connect the event with what Kansans can learn from it.
- Include some examples and/or some descriptive statements.
- Describe how the event can help our state move forward.
- Include correct conventions of spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation as a way to effectively present one's ideas.

Prizes:

There will be one 1st place winner and one 2nd place winner in each grade level division per Congressional District.

3rd-5th Grade: 1st place receives \$100 and 2nd place receives \$50.

6th-8th Grade: 1st place receives \$250 and 2nd place receives \$125.

9th-12th Grade: 1st place receives \$500 and 2nd place receives \$250.

All submitted essays will become the property of the Kansas Book Festival's Youth Writing Contest and are non-returnable. All winning essays will be compiled into a book and each winner will receive a copy.

Registration Form

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All submitted essays must be accompanied by this completed registration form. Do not include your name on the essay.

NAME:

Home Mailing Address:

Congressional District:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

School Name:

School Phone Number:

Grade:

Teacher: